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Marginal Column

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM

THE arrest of seven former Nazi leaders in West Germany has been overshadowed by the drama unfolding in the Eastern zone. Official quarters here admit now that the timing of the West German arrests was unfortunate, although the action itself is defended as necessary in view of the Federal government's lethargy and the growing infiltration of right-wing parties by former Nazis.

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HAD Whitehall known of the impending East German purge, the arrests would have come sooner so as to avoid the impression of similarity of action taken by the Occupying Powers. As it is, the Bonn government has been presented with a grievance and its spokesmen are hinting that the British action stems from a desire to damage Germany's credit in America on the eve of the Eisenhower administration's accession.

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THE tepid welcome given to the arrests by the Social Democrats and the Trade Unions also hides some embarrassment. The Social Democrats have for long complained about a subterranean Nazi comeback but have themselves failed to take an unequivocal stand on the question of amnesty for war criminals.

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A GROTESQUE sidelight is thrown on this muddle by the disclosure that Naumann's former secretary — appropriately called Diverge — is now secretary to Middelhauve, the Free Democratic Party boss. Despite these and other revelations, the whole affair seems a storm in a teapot compared with events in the Eastern Zone where full-fledged sovietization is plainly about to be followed by more rapid rearmament. Latest reports hint that Premier Grotewohl, a former Socialist, may be among the victims. Since there are few Jews in the administration the anti-Jewish issue is expected to play a smaller part than in Prague in camouflaging the liquidation of all not completely Stalinist elements.

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THESE are mainly represented by conservatives like Dertinger who, until recently, told Western correspondents quite openly that he and his colleagues were trying to preserve something from the wreckage. The ex-Nazis, some of whom were apparently in touch with the plotters now arrested by the British in the West, will have fewer difficulties under a regime which has added anti-Semitism to other totalitarian features. Jewish quarters here express the belief that this two-fold upheaval will, *inter alia*, facilitate the passage of the Israel reparations bill by removing the psychological obstacles.

London, January 13.

Rain Causes Some Local Flooding

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Heavy rain fell throughout the country yesterday and last night, causing local flooding, but little serious damage to *Ma'barot*. No rain fell in the Negev or south of the Bet Guvrin-Migdal Ascalon line.

Highest rainfall figures in the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock this morning were 70 mm. at Nathanya and Lydda. Tel Aviv Port recorded 34 mm. and Jerusalem 15, while 25 mm. fell on Mt. Carmel, 56 at Ein Hahoresh and 48.6 at Affula.

A few families in the Yemenite quarter of Kfar Saba had to be evacuated from their homes because of flooding, while the wadi near the Magdiel *Ma'bara* rose and washed away three tents.

The centre of Nathanya was inundated yesterday and traffic was delayed for a few hours. The local fire brigade was summoned to pump water out of 13 low-lying basements and ground-floor rooms. Residents of some tents in the Bet Lidd *Ma'bara* found refuge in nearby buildings when the rain penetrated their tents.

No major damage, apart from soil erosion at various places, was caused by the torrential rain that fell throughout the North. Emek farmers say that the water was well-absorbed and that the rain was a blessing.

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Grotewohl Threatened As Dertinger Arrested

BERLIN, Saturday. — The shadow of a ruthless Communist purge hovered tonight over East German Prime Minister Otto Grotewohl, a renegade Socialist who has managed up to now to get along with Communist rule.

Allied and German sources said Grotewohl may be in considerable danger. East German officials have lately been arrested in the purge which yesterday swept up Foreign Minister Georg Dertinger. All were friends and proteges of the Prime Minister.

GROTEWOHL

Jakob Kaiser, Bonn Minister for all-German affairs, flatly predicted Grotewohl would be the next to be caught in the purge net. In a radio speech Kaiser said all non-Communists who have tried to collaborate with the veteran Communists face liquidation.

The East German Government announced the arrest yesterday of Georg Dertinger, Foreign Minister, as a Western spy. The move is apparently designed to break right-wing opposition to complete sovietization.

Purge Ministry

Informed sources say that the Communists also ordered a complete purge of the Foreign Ministry which has resulted in the arrest of four of Dertinger's aides, the escape to the West of two others and the discharge of two more. Three of those arrested and one of the dismissed are Jews.

Dertinger, who is chairman of the Christian Democratic Party, and champion of the Oder-Neisse line as the German-Polish border, was arrested on Thursday by the state security service for "enemy activity against the German Democratic Republic which he carried out on the orders of Imperialist espionage services."

It was considered certain that Dertinger and his aides would be tried and condemned by a People's Court in a show trial similar to the Prague trial.

The official announcement referred only to the arrest of Dertinger. Informed sources said, however, that those arrested at the same time were Max Keilson, head of the Foreign Ministry's Russian department; Keilson's wife, Greta, Foreign Ministry adviser on international affairs; Peter Florin, chief of the Ministry's People's Democracies' department, and Helene Berner, Dertinger's personal adviser.

Flee to West

Edith Kunert, Dertinger's Western Press assistant and Count Ferdinand Thun, Chief of Protocol, are said to have fled to the West.

Those sacked from the Ministry are said to be a Dr. Raphael, chief of the Western Nation department, and Georg Handke, Ambassador to Rumania.

The Keilsons, Florin and Dr. Raphael are Jews.

Reuter reports that two other Jewish Communist women officials are also suspected of "contact with Western spies." They are Hanna Reich and Irmgard Sickert.

Otto Nuschke, Deputy Premier and Chairman of the Christian Democratic Party, said today that the party would expel Dertinger. In a short statement in the Party's "Neue Zeit," Nuschke said, "If Dertinger's hostile activities are confirmed, no word will be hard enough to condemn him, who always posed as especially progressive and talked all the time about vigilance."

Dertinger Had Ties With W. Neo-Nazis

POST Special Correspondent

The purge of the East German Foreign Minister has been linked to the arrest of neo-Nazi leaders in West Germany, some of whom had ties with East Germany. Georg Dertinger, belonged to the extreme right wing in German politics and became the editor-in-chief of "Stahlhelm," the organ of the Revanche ex-soldiers organization in the early 1930's.

In 1933 he became the secretary of Franz von Papen and later joined Dr. Goebbels' propaganda ministry, where he headed the German Youth Agency for Overseas during World War II. Dertinger was among the first German non-Communist politicians to collaborate with the Russians after 1945. He is believed to have kept his ties with the German right wing in the West and his position became untenable after the arrest of the neo-Nazi underground.

A further complication was caused following the escape of one of the eight main neo-Nazis sought by the British, Boherman, to East Germany. Last month, one of the heads of the neo-Nazi movement in West Germany, the Reichs Party, Count Westarp, resigned in what he called a protest against the continued financial support received by some of the leaders of his movement from East Germany.

German Jews' Flight To West Berlin Grows

BERLIN, Saturday (Reuter). Albert Hirsch, liaison officer with the Jewish Community in the East German Government's Church Relations department, fled to West Berlin yesterday. He headed a continuing stream of East German Jews trekking to the West in the wake of the four leaders who fled with their families on Thursday.

West Berlin Jewish officials would not give details of refugees. "We still want to help our people remaining over there, especially the old people, and cannot say anything which might endanger them," they declared.

Julius Meyer, President of East Germany's Jewish community, who arrived in West Berlin on Thursday, said he had brought the other three families one at a time from Leipzig, Dresden and Erfurt in his own car, driving across East Germany several times.

Aimed at Jewish Faith

Heinz Galinski, Chairman of the all-Berlin Jewish community, who was one of the party, said that the anti-Semitic drive in East Germany had made it clear that the Communist aim was to wipe out the Jewish faith.

Before the present persecution wave began two weeks ago, there were 2,600 Jews in East Germany, 1,800 of them in East Berlin.

It is learned in Bonn that West Germany will expand its "refugee airlift" to fly a record 7,000 East Zone escapees from camps in West Berlin to the interior of the Federal Republic in the next four weeks.

Apart from the Jewish refugees from the Communist anti-Semitic campaign, the escapees include farmers opposed to the collectivization of farms, and young men wishing to avoid service in the 100,000 strong People's Police.

In the first four days of this week, 2,732 East German refugees were resettled in West Germany through the airlift.

Czech Rations For 'Workers' Only

VIENNA, Saturday. — The Czechoslovak Government has decreeded that only the "working population" will be given ration cards, because of deteriorating economic conditions, Prague Radio announced on Thursday night. A large section of the public will now be forced to buy on the "free market" where prices are as much as ten times higher than the subsidized rations.

The Czechoslovak News Agency said last night that agricultural experts of the Eastern bloc have pledged themselves to obtain maximum food output. A propaganda drive is to be started in all Czechoslovak cooperatives to popularize the lessons of Soviet experience in this field.

The report said that delegates to an agriculture and economic conference, held in Prague last week, foreshadowed close cooperation between the Soviet Union and the East European countries in agriculture.

(Reuter, UP)

Cabinet Meets Today On Moscow Purge

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Cabinet will consider its reaction on the Moscow purge tomorrow. It is believed that the statement, which will be read in the Knesset on Monday will include an appeal to the U.S.S.R. to let Jews emigrate to Israel.

Mr. Ben Gurion broke into his holiday at Tiberias to attend a meeting of the Mapai Political Committee in Tel Aviv yesterday.

If the Prime Minister attends the Knesset on Monday, he will naturally make the Government statement. There were no indications here tonight that Mr. Ben Gurion expected to be in the House; if he is not, the statement will come either from Mr. Eshkol, Acting Prime Minister, or from Mr. Sharett, who is due back tomorrow from Burma.

Mr. Yona Kesse, Mapai M.K., said at the first Vocal Newspaper last night that the Communists and the left-wing Mapam members were endangering the nation's security.

Jewish Communal Head Held In Budapest

BUDAPEST, Saturday. — The arrest today of Lajos Stoeckler, President of Hungary's Jewish community, was announced in a one-sentence official communique. It said that police "found a considerable quantity of dollars and Swiss francs" in the home of Stoeckler, "a former industrialist."

Mr. Stoeckler has headed the Jewish community since the end of the war. The community has administered the funds of the American Joint Distribution Committee since it ended its activities in Hungary three years ago.

The arrest is the first post-war sign of anti-Semitism in Hungary where Jewish Communists hold some of the highest posts.

Matyas Rakosi, the premier and undisputed leader is a Jew, as are the Vice-Premier and economic dictator Erno Gero, Mihaly Farkas, Defence Minister and Rakosi's chief rival; Peter Gabor, chief of the secret police; Josef Reval, Minister of Education and many others.

(AP, UP)

'Trud' Says Zionism Tool of Warmongers

MOSCOW, Saturday (UP). — The Trade Union newspaper "Trud" charged today that Zionism had become an instrument of the "Anglo-American warmongers" and called for greater vigilance against western-directed subversion within the U.S.S.R.

The article was the sole comment today on the arrest of nine physicians, most of them Jewish, who had been accused of conspiring against the lives of top Soviet officials and actually murdering two.

"Trud" said American efforts to establish a fifth column in the Soviet Union had been thwarted. "Wall Street monopolists are widely using for their dirty purposes Jewish Zionist organizations, among which is the Joint Distribution Committee — that international Jewish bourgeois organization which works on the orders and under the direction of the American secret service," the paper said.

U.K. Labour Deplores Kremlin Anti-Semitism

LONDON, Saturday (UP). — The British Labour Party yesterday charged the Kremlin with directing an organized drive against the Jews in Eastern Europe.

Party Secretary Morgan Phillips expressed these views in a letter to the Secretary of the Poale Zion, a Labour Party affiliate.

"The Labour Party views with horror the anti-Semitic trend in Eastern Europe which is now being openly encouraged by the Soviet Union. With the downfall of Hitler and the establishment of the State of Israel, it was the hope of all free men that the long and cruel ordeal of the Jewish people was at an end. The past weeks have gravely endangered that hopeful prospect. It is now clear that an organized drive against the Jews is now in progress and is being directed from the Kremlin itself," he wrote.

China's Recognition Vital, Nehru Says

HYDERABAD, Saturday (Reuter).—Indian Premier Pandit Nehru said that there could be no final settlement in the Far East without the recognition of the People's Government of China.

Recognition of the government by some powers and not by others constituted a refusal to face the major and obvious facts of the Far East and one that has led to grave consequences, said Mr. Nehru in his presidential address to the 58th session of the Indian National Congress, the government party.

Arrest of Seven Nazi Plotters 'Warranted'

BONN, Saturday (AP).—British authorities claimed today "we have sufficient evidence on hand to warrant our action" in arresting seven former Nazi leaders on suspicion of plotting to seize power in West Germany.

A British High Commission spokesman said there was no cause for concern by American officials in Washington. The latter had said they hoped Britain had solid evidence to support its action, for if it did not Allied prestige in Germany might be damaged.

"This step was taken only after long and very serious consideration by the Foreign Office in London," the spokesman said. "We are now concerned in investigating the activities of the arrested men within and without West Germany, which will take some time.

To Determine Charges

"This will determine whether formal charges shall be placed against them and whether more arrests will be made."

He said that preliminary investigation indicated the alleged plotters aimed to gain control through infiltration of some established political parties rather than by a *coup d'état*. He said the investigation would reveal whether they received financial backing from Communist sources. The West German Socialists have charged that Communist money from East Germany helped the neo-Nazi movement in the Western zones.

3 More Held in Vienna In Soviet Spy Case

VIENNA, Saturday (UP). — U.S. officials today identified Theresa Harris, 30, Austrian-born British subject as the third person held for questioning in connection with the recently uncovered Soviet espionage ring.

Mrs. Harris, employee of the U.S. Army Intelligence Agency, was being interrogated on her relations with Kurt Ponger, 39, and Otto Verber, 41, who were arrested here on Wednesday and flown directly to Washington to face formal charges of spying for the Soviet Union.

The two other persons held for questioning on the case are Ernest Tialowitz, 40, Berlin-born American, and Walter Lauber, 34, Polish-born American.

In Washington, meanwhile, Ponger and Verber made a brief appearance in court but their formal arraignment was deferred to Monday to enable them to study the indictment and consult counsel. Bail of $50,000 was fixed for each man.

FRENCH WIPE OUT VIETMINH FORCE

SAIGON, Saturday (AP). — Four thousand French troops, supported by amphibious tanks and Marines, cleaned out today a force of Communist-led Vietminh five miles north of Hue, capital of Annam in Indo-China.

The French High Command said 32 Vietminh troops were killed and 148 taken prisoner. Six French troops were killed.

Asian Socialists Flay Russian Communism, West's Colonialism

By RAWLE KNOX, Special to the POST.

RANGOON, Saturday (OFNS). — Forthright denunciations of Russian communism and Western colonialism were dominant themes of the Asian Socialist Conference which ended here on Thursday.

By defining socialism as an egalitarianism which utterly rejects Marxism and takes parliamentary democracy as its foundation, the conference displayed its complete dissociation from any sort of Communist united front.

Colonial powers also came in for fierce criticism, but the plan to establish an anti-colonial bureau in Rangoon which would help colonial peoples with finances and propaganda was temporarily shelved by the Steering Committee.

Only the moderation of India, Indonesia and especially Burma, and the firm position of Malaya, Israel and right-wing Japanese Socialists produced a resolution which sought to establish a liaison with the Socialist International at all levels.

Because the attitude of Mr. Clement Attlee, British Labour Party leader, on colonialism was cautious, there was a feeling among Asians here, especially the Burmese who so looked forward to his coming, that he had not been an entire success. But Mr. Attlee's moderation strengthened the hand of those delegations vitally interested in close cooperation with the West.

Certainly Israel, a rather lonely member of the Asian group, had some reason for satisfaction at the outcome of the conference. Dependent as she is, as Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett said today, on Western capital for her future development she could not have thrown in her lot with an organization which wished to cut all ties with Western socialism. Yet this had been vehemently advocated by the Pakistan, Egyptian, Lebanese and other Arab delegates here.

Summing up the conference, Mr. Sharett said it had "performed more than it had promised, but still promises more than it performed." He said Israel identified herself with Asia despite her many Western connections and he felt the conference had shown that for Asia communism is not the only alternative to colonialism. Socialist democracy offered the continent new hope.

Asked if he thought peace in the Middle East would be likelier if the Arab Governments were Socialist, Mr. Sharett replied, "possibly." Then with a smile he added: "I may be so bold as to say probably."

Egypt Dictatorship; Wafd, Communist Plot Uncovered

Nagib Bans All Political Parties

CAIRO, Saturday (AP).—A Wafd and Communist "preliminary conspiracy to create a sedition" had been crushed by the arrest of 25 officers and 15 civilians.

In view of the plot, the Government announced the abolition of all political parties and declared a three-year transition period to allow the growth of democratic rule. Premier General Mohammed Nagib will rule Egypt for at least the three coming years, but a constitutional body will be set up by the Government to work out a new constitution. The new constitution is to be applied after the three-year period.

All the funds of the political parties will be confiscated.

The arrested included former Wafd "strong man" Fuad Sarag e-Din, Prince Abbas Halim and retired Colonel Rashad Mehanna, whom Premier General Nagib appointed and ousted as a member of the Regency Council within a few weeks after the Army movement swept ex-King Farouk from power.

Colonel Abdul Nasser, Acting Chief of Staff, told a press conference today that six Communist newspapers were closed down and every known active Communist will be arrested. Among the publications he named as Communist were the weekly magazines "Al Malayeen," "Al Kateb," "Al Wageb" and "Al Muwarda."

Nasser, who is acknowledged to be Nagib's right-hand man, said the plotters planned to create disturbances on January 23, the beginning of a four-day celebration of the regime's first six months of power. Nasser said no *coup d'etat* was attempted but the conspirators were sowing the seeds of rebellion.

Plotters Out-manoeuvred

The plotters, he said, planned their first moves for January 13 during a commemoration service at the Cairo University for students who fell in fighting the British in the Canal Zone last year. "But we out-manoeuvred them and crushed their attempt on that day by getting in direct touch with student leaders and by the arrest of Communist and Wafdist agents in the university."

The plot was led by Wafd Party members working hand in hand with Communist elements, Nasser said, adding that it has been proved that the two groups had recently created a "united front." Sarag e-Din was the "brains" of this movement in civilian spheres, while Rashad Mehanna, a relative of Sarag e-Din, assisted by a number of army supporters, started a wide campaign of gossip and rumours among army officers against the present regime, Nasser said.

Army authorities watched the two groups until they collected sufficient evidence against them before arresting the suspected persons.

Arab League Votes Trade Talks with Bonn

CAIRO, Saturday (UP). — The Arab League Political Committee has decided to form a delegation to negotiate with the German trade mission here over the Bonn Government's proposal to help industrialize the Arab world to counterbalance the reparations agreement with Israel, informed League sources said here yesterday.

The delegation will probably be headed by Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mahmud Fawzi, and will comprise representatives from all the League states together with economic experts.

The decision to negotiate with the German trade mission was taken at Thursday's Committee meeting which also reaffirmed its previous stand that the Arab countries should break off economic relations with West Germany if Bonn ratifies the reparation agreement before reaching a settlement with the Arab countries.

Apparently in the hope of not handicapping current negotiations with Bonn, the decision will not be officially disclosed.

Iraqis Flock To Elect Single Party

Large crowds of Iraqis have voted in the elections for a new Parliament. By Friday night some 80 of the total of 135 Parliament members had been returned by previous arrangement between the candidates, the majority of them being either directly members of Nuri Said's Liberal Constitutional Party or supporters of it.

Nuri's party is the only one running in the elections, which are being boycotted by the four opposition parties.

The elections were held under martial law, which had been imposed by the Premier, General Mohammed Nur e-Din, in his capacity as Military Governor.

Observers predict virtually no changes in the composition of the new House, in which Nuri's group will again enjoy a large majority. His is the only party to oppose the nationalization of Iraqi oil and the suspension of the Anglo-Iraqi treaty, the two major demands of all opposition parties.

Dan and Eshed Press For 35p.c. Rise

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—Both the Dan and Eshed bus cooperatives have told Mr. Yosef Saphir, the Minister of Communications, that they are prepared to be nationalized if they are not allowed to increase fares by an average of about 35 per cent.

At a meeting between the managements of these companies Hamekasher, the Jerusalem bus cooperative, and the Minister which took place at Hakirya yesterday they pressed for the increase. Hamekasher refrained from making a statement on nationalization.

Mr. Saphir replied that in view of the Government's policy of no further price increases he was unable to give any definite answer. He promised, however, to bring the requests to the attention of tomorrow's Cabinet meeting. Mr. Saphir undertook to do his best to obtain loans for them from banks to tide them over their present financial difficulties.

Dan told the Minister of the strike of its 500 hired workers scheduled for tomorrow in protest against non-payment of the latest C.-o.-L. allowance increase. Of the 350 Dan buses 80 will be idle between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Tel Aviv Labour Council has informed the cooperative that if the C.-o.-L. was not paid by Wednesday it would approve a further strike.

Mr. Saphir made a formal request to the cooperatives to submit suggestions for the improvement of services.

ABBA EBAN'S BABY DAUGHTER DEAD

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP). —Meira, 25-day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abba Eban, died unexpectedly at their home here on Thursday.

As the child had not been ill, an autopsy was performed. It revealed that death had been caused by "food inhalation."

The Ambassador was in New York at the time for the ceremony of presenting the Israel gift of Jerusalem stone for the United Nations building.

The Ebans' other child, a son, is three years old today.

British Cautiously Hail Cairo Events

LONDON, Saturday. — Authoritative British sources today cautiously welcomed the latest developments in Egypt.

Two aims seem to have dictated the abolition of political parties and the declaration of Nagib's virtual dictatorship for the next three years. The first was to enable the Premier to suppress the growing impatience against the British intruders, and the second — to smother the antagonism of the political parties.

It has been clear for some time that Nagib faced hostility from both elements. Many of the younger officers surrounding him are members of the fanatical Moslem Brotherhood movement widely believed to have been behind the "war" against the British troops which culminated in the sacking of parts of Cairo on "Black Saturday" last January 26.

It was pointed out that the Government move coincides with a crucial stage in Anglo-Egyptian negotiations on the Sudan which are, in turn, taken here as paving the way for discussions on British forces in the Canal Zone.

Nagib's decision to clip Colonel Mehanna's political wings could be taken as one gauge of his determination to keep Anglo-Egyptian political temperatures down while the ticklish Sudan negotiations run their course. The colonel is known to have close connections with the Moslem Brotherhood.

(AP, Reuter)

Israel Informed Of MEDO Plans—Sharett

RANGOON, Saturday (Reuter). —Israel Foreign Minister, Moshe Sharett, said here yesterday that Israel was being informed by the Western powers of steps to form a Middle East defence organization, but had not been invited to join it.

"We are committed to the defence of democracy, for it is one indivisible world task," he told a press conference. "But we are not committed to participate in any particular defence arrangement."

Mr. Sharett, who has been attending the Asian Socialist conference which ended here yesterday, said that the form of Israel's participation in defence would depend on whether there was peace between Israel and the Arab world.

Asked why Israel protested against arming of the Arab states he said: "Any arms given to the Arab states are more likely to be used against us than for the defence of democracy."

Mr. Sharett said the immigration of Jews to Israel had slackened, but he thought there might now be a new wave. "I hope the gates may be reopened for Jews from Rumania and even from Russia."

PAKISTAN DENIES

KARACHI, Saturday (AP). — Premier Nazimuddin said today he did not know of any offer from any quarters, asking Pakistan to join a proposed Middle East defence organization.

He also said he had not been approached by the British Government in this connection during a recent visit to London to attend the Commonwealth Premiers conference.

NEW EGYPTIAN MINISTER TO MOSCOW

General Aziz el Masri, a former Egyptian staff officer who had attempted to escape to Nazi Germany in an Egyptian army plane during the World War, has been appointed Egyptian Minister to Moscow, ANA reported yesterday.

Italian Communists Stage Sporadic Strikes

ROME, Saturday (UP). — Brief Communist-led strikes against the Government's electoral reform bill erupted across Italy yesterday while the Chamber of Deputies plodded along in a debate on the government request for a confidence vote on the measure.

In Milan 20 persons were slightly injured in a clash between strikers and the police. For the third straight day special police squads were posted around the parliament building in Rome to discourage Communist demonstrations.

In the afternoon an estimated 30,000 Rome workers staged a short strike but there were no incidents.

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President Ben-Zvi received at his office on Friday a delegation of 23 Jewish teachers from the Argentine who are now taking an advanced course given by the Jewish Agency. The President also received Aluf-Mishneh Simon Syrkin, Military Attache for West Europe.

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Foreign Minister Sharett is due back from Rangoon by P.A.L. this morning. Mr. Sharett led the Mapai delegation to the Conference of Asian Socialist parties in the Burmese capital.

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Mr. Shlomo Eisenberg, Secretary General of the Jewish Agency, has returned from consultations in New York with the Agency and the U.J.A.

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Dr. Sydney Goldstein, Vice-President of the Technion, has returned to Israel after an extended trip abroad. He had for the past three months served as Visiting Professor in Aerodynamics and Fluid Mechanics at Harvard University. He will now also resume his duties as Head of the Department of Aeronautical Engineering at the Technion.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gad Frumkin were At Home yesterday to the Chief Rabbi and Mrs. Herzog, Mr. Berl Locker, Mr. Eliahu Dobkin, Mr. and Mrs. Gershon Agron, Sir Leon and Lady Simon, Mrs. J. L. Magnes, Mr. and Mrs. Eliash, as well as Professors of the Hebrew University and numerous other friends.

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Mr. S. Pilles, engineer of the Technical High School of Delft, Holland, has arrived in this country for six months as a representative of the International Labour Organization and under the Technical Aid scheme of the U.N. to work with the Government Production and Efficiency Institute.

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Two new astronomical films, "Solar Prominences" and "Celestial Navigation," will be shown at 8.15 this evening at the Ratisbonne Hall, Jerusalem, under the auspices of the Jerusalem Amateur Astronomers Association.

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A memorial meeting for the late Benedetto Croce will be held at 8.30 this evening at the Bet Hahalutzot in Tel Aviv. The meeting will be opened by Professor Itzhak Shaky. Dr. Haim Vardi will speak on Croce's life and work.

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The inauguration of Mr. Dwight D. Eisenhower as President of the U.S. will be celebrated by a special meeting of the Tel Aviv branch of the Israel-America Friendship League at the Education Centre, 6 Rehov Reines, Tel Aviv at 8.30 on Wednesday evening. Speakers will be the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Monnett B. Davis; the Minister of Justice Mr. Pinhas Rosen; and Mr. Gershon Agron. A special recording of the inauguration ceremony in Washington, and a short film, will be presented.

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The Latin-America Ballet will give its first performance in Israel at the Rama Hall, Ramat Gan, at 8.30 this evening. The performance will be under the patronage of Foreign Minister Sharett.

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HERZOG—To Pnina (nee Shabor), wife of Ya'acov, Jerusalem — a daughter.

Ben-Zvi Congratulates Tito on Presidency

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Marshal Tito received congratulations from many prominent people abroad on his election to the presidency, Belgrade Radio reported yesterday.

Those who sent him telegrams included French President Vincent Auriol, Turkish President Djelal Bayar, Israel President Izhak Ben-Zvi and Regent of Egypt Mohammed Moneir.

Israel 'Hermes' in U.S.

NEW YORK, Saturday (INA). — The first shipment of Hermes portable typewriters with Hebrew characters, assembled in Israel, arrived here today. The Swiss company has granted an Israel firm the world-wide concession for selling the typewriters.

Int'l Company May Try To Break Oil Impasse

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP). — The U.S. has proposed the establishment of an international agency for marketing Iranian oil, reliable sources say. The agency, to be composed of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company plus American, Dutch and possibly French firms, would be an attempt to solve the present impasse between Britain and Iran.

It was said that the American proposal was made in discussions between American and British officials in London. They discussed the plan whereby Premier Mossadegh would be promised that the U.S. will make advance payment for the first deliveries of Iranian oil if the Premier will agree to permit a neutral panel chosen by the President of the World Court to decide the amount payable to the Anglo-Iranian firm as compensation for nationalization.

The advance payment to the Iran Government would be aimed at relieving Iran's immediate financial needs.

The marketing agency would have its headquarters in Switzerland or any other "neutral" area and would reserve some percentage of Iran's output for marketing by Iran's national oil company.

From New York, it is reported that work will soon begin on the Anglo-Iranian's new refinery in Aden. The refinery will have an initial daily capacity of 100,000 barrels. It is due to start operations by the end of 1954.

Another Italian Firm Contracts for Iran Oil

TEHERAN, Saturday (UP). — Officials of Iran's nationalized but blockaded oil industry announced last week that a second Italian firm, Super Company, had signed a contract here to buy "vast quantities" of oil. The managing director of the company, F. Mortillaro, arrived last night and had a lengthy conference with Premier Mohammed Mossadegh and oil officials.

It is expected that a 3,457-ton chartered Italian tanker will arrive at Bandar Mashur on the Persian Gulf shortly to take on a cargo of crude oil. One of Sr. Mortillaro's assistants said that precautions had been completed to prevent an incident similar to that in which the Italian tanker Rose Mary was seized by British authorities off Aden when carrying oil which the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company claimed to be its property.

It is understood that the Supor deal is part of a three-way arrangement whereby technical machinery will be sent to Iran from Italy, the oil will go to Poland and Poland will send Italy coal.

Iraq Oil Income More Than Budget

Revised estimates show that Iraq's oil revenues for 1952 will be about $121m., one-third higher than the original forecast, according to the "New York Herald-Tribune."

The reasons for the higher estimate are the unexpectedly rapid development of the Basrah oil fields and the completion of the Kirkuk-Banias pipeline.

It is reported that the overall oil income will be several million dollars greater than the whole Iraqi government budget.

OUSTED IN ESTONIA

STOCKHOLM, Saturday (Reuter). — Tallinn Radio last week reported that the Estonian High Council has dismissed two Vice Premiers, Alexander Ansberg and Heinrich Ajo.

The plenary session of the Estonian Supreme Soviet yesterday unanimously adopted the revised constitution and basic law of the Republic, Moscow Radio announced.

Russia Said Blocking World Disarmament

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP). — The Soviet Union was accused here on Thursday of blocking progress on effective world disarmament by making "phantom proposals designed to trick the free world into letting its defences down."

Reporting to President Truman on the position of disarmament measures in the U.N., Mr. Benjamin Cohen, retiring U.S. Deputy Representative, said the Soviet scheme was to strip the U.S. of the atomic bomb and allow Russia to keep the weapon and its preeminent land forces.

The report emphasized that Moscow had refused to consider guarantees for controlling and reducing armed forces of all types, arms production, atomic bombs and germ warfare. The Soviet position was to cut armed forces by a third without first agreeing on a system of disclosure and verification of military strength.

While repeating "monstrously false charges that U.N. forces in Korea were waging bacteriological warfare," the Soviet Union consistently blocked any move to secure impartial investigation of them, the report said.

Ike Wants Communists Out, But No 'Witch-Hunt'

NEW YORK, Saturday. — President-elect Eisenhower reportedly has told his future Cabinet he wants a zealous search made for any Communists or sympathizers in the Federal Government — without use of any "witch-hunt" tactics. He also is understood to have made it clear he wants new loyalty programmes established promptly for tighter screening of government employees and job applicants.

The President-elect's H.Q. last week disclosed he will deliver a lengthy and detailed State of the Union message in person to the new Republican Congress shortly after he takes office.

The HQ also announced the appointment of Mr. H. Brian Holland of Boston as Assistant Attorney-General in charge of the Justice Department's Tax Division.

(AP, UP)

TRUMAN PRAISES ANNA ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON, Saturday (INA). — In accepting the resignation of Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, Assistant Secretary of Defence, President Truman last week commended her "services to the country over the last two decades" which "have been studded with fine accomplishments."

The President wrote to her, "You have given wise counsel and helpful suggestions on many varied problems. Largely through your work our military manpower position has become much more secure. Your visits to areas of military operations have benefitted all departments.

"You can be proud of all you have done for active and reserve members of the armed forces. Your paramount concern for building a sound manpower programme and policies has borne fruit and you have created a sound foundation on which those who follow can build."

Walter Won't Apologize For Anti-Jewish Statement

WASHINGTON, Saturday (AFP). — Democratic Representative Francis Walter has refused to withdraw or apologize for an anti-Jewish statement he made in Congress on Tuesday. He said that those who opposed the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, of which he is part author, were "professional Jews weeping crocodile tears without any motive whatsoever."

Mr. Walter's statement provoked sharp protests from members of Congress and the press.

Citizens Leaving U.S. Must Declare 'Race'

WASHINGTON, Saturday (INA). American citizens going abroad by sea will in future be given a form to fill out in which they will have to give particulars of their ethnic adherence "through origin or original blood." The new decree of the Department of Justice defines some 50 ethnic groupings, of which the one for Jews is 'Hebrew.'

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NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 7.59, 12.00, 1.30, 6.15, 8.30, 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8.00 a.m., 2.15 and 6.30 p.m. Turkish: 10.00 a.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.10 Morning Melodies (R). 8.30 Oriental Music. 8.45 Close Down.

10.30 a.m. Music While You Work. 11.00 Music of the People (R). 11.40 Housewives' Corner. 12.02 Programme for Hospitals. 12.30 Concert Hall: "Francesca da Rimini" (Tchaikovsky); Piano Concerto No. 3 (Beethoven). 1.45 Programme Announcements. 1.48 Break for Music (R). 3.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Variety (R). 5.00 Piano Recital: Moshe Lustig. 5.30 Tea Time Music. 6.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Variety. 7.07 Programme Announcements. 7.10 Talk. 7.20 Variety. 7.45 Talk. 8.00 "Wells of Work." 8.24 Bible Reading. 8.45 Concert: Schubert Programme: Overture in the Italian Style; Quartet Scene; "The Almighty"; Symphony No. 9. 10.20 Hebrew Songs. 10.30 Recital. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
466, 225, 216, 43.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m.; 10.15 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m.

4.00 p.m. Music for Sunday (R). 4.40 Chess Corner. 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 5.20 Second Temple Period Literature. 5.30 Music (R). 5.45 Talmud Lesson. 6.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (35 M.): 11.15 p.m. Newsreel. 11.30 "Personal Column," by W. Eytan. 11.35 Thought for Food.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (46.6, 216, 299 & 225 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Songs. 7.00 Entrance Ticket. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.45 Sports. 8.00 Chamber Music. 8.30 News. 8.45 I.A.F. Band. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

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REVIEW OF FRIDAY'S EDITORIALS

'Kol Ha'am' Anxious About Histadrut Move

The anti-Semitic upsurge in the Communist countries was featured for the third day in both feature articles and editorials, as well as in the news sections of the local press.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) criticized statements by Mr. Y. Palmon, adviser on Arab Affairs in the Prime Minister's Office, but refrained from commenting on the impending Moscow trial. An article by Mr. Y. Jambor on the Joint must be considered a defence of that organization under present conditions.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) had both an editorial "against the plot to oust the Communists from the Histadrut" and a statement by the party's Central Committee defending the Communist policy toward the Jews. "Al Hamishmar" is attacked for not wholeheartedly justifying the new anti-Jewish policy.

Several papers report that the Sneh-Riftin group will establish a faction of their own within Mapam and that the impending Knesset vote might precipitate a crisis within the party. The pro-Communist wing of Mapam, although a comparatively small minority, has about half of the Knesset members. If these do not adhere to the agreed party line in a vote, the highest party organ would have to deal with the matter.

Mr. Y. Halpern in "Davar" (Histadrut) said it should not be forgotten that we have thousands of immigrants who are not yet conscious of the fact that they are citizens of Israel and who do not receive, for various reasons, information on what is happening in the world. Among these elements, the Communists could successfully spread their ideas despite the new anti-Semitic line, since these persons have not yet heard of this new line.

Dr. Y. Bader in "Herut" (Freedom Party) said we must react, and not only verbally. One of the most important tasks, especially so during the Cold War, is to explain to the world the truth about the Jews in Communist regimes and to enlist worldwide support for ourselves. Since the Kremlin attributes much importance to propaganda, this might be more effective than a Knesset protest, although we should consider other forms of reaction as well.

Mr. H. Danzig in "Omer" (Histadrut) said mankind now realizes that a threat to the Jews is in the long run a threat to the entire world. When Hitler came to power many were not aware of this, but the situation is different now.

A correspondent in "Haboker" (General Zionist) wrote that this in the sixth major "blood libel" in Russian history. Important differences, however, exist. In past ritual murder trials, the accused were under arrest for many years. Some even died in prison without admitting their "guilt." The Soviet political police may be trusted to prevent this from re-occurring and we shall witness "full confessions."

The "Ha'aretz" (Independent) cartoonist showed two Jewish physicians before the examining judge of the secret police. The younger one says, "I killed Lenin," and the older one admits that he killed Peter the Great.

First 'Yunella' Exports

PETAH TIKVA, Saturday. — The first shipments of pharmaceutical products made by Yunella Inc., United States Near East Laboratories, were sent to Italy, Turkey, Greece and Cyprus last week and orders for $20,000 worth of goods are to be completed and shipped in a few days, Mr. Ya'acov Matalon, one of the founders of Yunella Inc., told the press here last week.

The factory, built six months ago in Kiryat Arye, near Petah Tikva, produced Penetro cough drops. A list of 50 additional pharmaceutical products including aspirin, cough syrups and pain soothing powders, which the company proposes to produce, has been submitted to Mr. Y. Serlin, Minister of Health, for approval.

Plough Inc., of Memphis, Tennessee, a sister company to Yunella, gave $175,000 for the construction of the factory, while IL.100,000 were raised here.

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Cyprus Urges Britain Allow Trade with Israel

By Shahe Guebenlian, POST Correspondent

NICOSIA, Saturday. — The Cyprus Government has sent urgent reminders to the Colonial Office in London on the subject of the island's trade with Israel. These reminders have followed persistent requests by Cyprus importers for exchange facilities to enable them to import goods from Israel.

The local Government is understood to be favourably disposed toward the idea of increasing the colony's import trade with Israel, a major client of the island's products from the first day of its inception.

Two months ago an Israel trade delegation suggested to the Cyprus authorities that the island should import at least one-third of Israel's total purchases from Cyprus. This demand was well received by the authorities who recommended to London that the necessary exchange facilities should be authorized.

There has been no reply since then from London except that a trade agreement between Cyprus and Israel is being considered in London. It is understood that the Foreign Office is also taking part in the discussions, as the effect of such an agreement on the Arab countries is being taken into account.

Meanwhile, Israel last week once again showed her willingness to buy from Cyprus by purchasing £50,000 of carobs and barley.

Manstein's Medical Parole Extended

KIEL, Saturday (AP). — The medical parole of former Field Marshal Erich von Manstein has been extended another month by the British authorities, officials of the clinic treating him said last week.

The 66-year-old Manstein, serving a 12-year sentence in the British prison at Werl, was granted a medical parole some time ago to undergo an operation for a cataract. The clinic said his general physical condition will not permit him to be moved back to prison at present.

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THE WEEK AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE

Government Action Awaited To Support Capital Market

TEL AVIV: — Business was again slow and offers negligible. The stock exchange is disturbed by the uncertainty in the field of public economy and finance, and more particularly the delay in practical support of a properly functioning capital market. Both Milve Leumi and Tavei Dollar are still based on the second, instead of the third exchange rate, and no final decision has yet been made on the compensation for requisitioned British securities although the commission had made its recommendations many weeks ago. Stock exchange circles point out that such methods do not encourage the creation of a favourable atmosphere for internal loans, without having recourse to new compulsory loans.

Tavei Dollar cum coupon dropped to 196 and a half, lower than their temporary lowest level of last week. The small issue of Milve Leumi was two and a half per cent lower at 289, and the large issue ex coupon dropped by 3.1/4 per cent to 265.1/4. Otherwise, the price level was hardly changed. Palestine Electric were somewhat firmer; the London registered shares closed at 144, the Israel registered shares at 157.

NEW YORK: — The slower tendency which had already been evident towards the close of last week, continued. Declines remained however within the limit of a few per cent, and the market for public utilities was even firm. The stock exchange is awaiting the measures to be taken by the new Government, but the slower tendency of commodity markets gave also ground for some reservation.

LONDON: — Towards the end of the week, a somewhat firmer tendency was apparent, but turnovers remained limited.

GOLD: — The price of gold in the free market rose to $38.05-38.15 per ounce against $37.80-37.90 last week.

The fact that the National City Bank of New York sharply opposed an increase in the gold price, attracted attention. In Paris, prices were slightly lower, in connection with the change in the Cabinet.

COMMODITIES: — The first coffee auction since 1941 was held in London on January 9 and turnovers were lively, but generally the commodity market was slower. On January 13, Reuters U.K. commodity index was 507.6 against 513.6 the week before. Dealers note that despite the sharp drop in futures, demand for cash commodities remains quiet. Markets are influenced by lagging export sales and consumer resistance to present prices, as well as the prospect of further additions to the already large carry-over stocks of cotton, wheat and some other major crops. Trade estimates of possible cotton exports are as low as three million bales against actual shipments of 5,5m. in 1952. Shipments of wheat amount so far to only about 125m. bushels against 190m. in the same period of last year. Zinc dropped in London to about £90, against £93-94 on the day of its re-introduction to the stock exchange. Tin, on the other hand, was slightly firmer.

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Bomb Kills Child In Tunis Jewish Quarter

TUNIS, Saturday (Reuter). — A three-year-old Italian boy, Antoine Polito, was killed, and his two sisters were injured, when a bomb exploded in an apartment house here Wednesday night. This is the first act of terrorism reported in Tunisia for a fortnight.

The bomb was placed in the entrance hall of the house which lies in the Jewish quarter on the border between the Arab and European cities. It brought down ceilings and shattered windows.

Israel Crew Feted By Toulon Dignitaries

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The captain and 20 cadets of the Israel frigate now on a training cruise in Toulon were entertained to lunch by Admiral Lambert recently, according to a dispatch received here.

Admiral Lambert, commander of the naval area, also gave a cocktail party for the Israelis. The frigate reciprocated with a cocktail party, which was attended by three Admirals among other guests. The Jewish community of Marseilles held a reception for the crew the same evening. Sgan-Aluf Kenan, Assistant Military Attache in Western Europe, and his aide, Sgan-Aluf Eytan Ron, were present at the functions, as well as members of the Israel Embassy in Paris, Mr. S. Divon and Mr. V. Eliachar.

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9-1; 3-5: Exhibitions: Oil Paintings and Drawings by Bezalel Schatz. Lithographs by Honore Daumier (1808-1879), graciously donated by Mr. W. G. R. Allen of Boston, U.S.A. Recent Israel Prints. From the collection of the Museum. Exhibit of the month: "Our Lady of Tenderness." Russian Icon, 15th Century; Recent acquisition of the National Museum. Bezalel.

9-4 Archaeological Exhibition, Dept. of Antiquities. Also Temporary exhibition—Recent acquisitions; 2E Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.

10-5: Sanhedria Tombs.

10-1, 4-6: Avigdor Arikha—Oil Paintings & Drawings. Ja'cov Wexler — Oil paintings and Gouaches. Artists House.

11.30-12.30: Film Show at Keren Hayesod Head Office.

8-1; 3-7: Exhibition in memory of Dr. Chaim Weizmann. Zionist Central Archives. Entrance from 3 Rehov Ibn Gabirol, Yard; Rehavia.

TEL AVIV

8 p.m. "Saint Joan." Chamber Theatre Mograbi Hall. (All tickets sold).

10-4: Memorial exhibition of the artist, Menahem Shemi (Schmidt): 136 paintings and drawings of the Ha- Museum.

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8.30. p.m. "Li-La-Lo" Neeman Cinema.

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FORECAST: General rise in temperature. Gradual increase in clouds; probably rain later in the south and central sectors.

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SOME 200 Israel Armenians are scheduled to cross the lines at Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem this morning on the occasion of the Armenian Christmas for a 36-hour stay in the Old City and Bethlehem.

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THE BRITISH cruiser H.M.S. Kenya, is due in Haifa on Tuesday morning for a three-day unofficial visit, the Consulate-General announced in Haifa on Friday.

Daumier Exhibition Opened at Bezalel

Jerusalem POST Reporter

An exhibition of lithographs by the French 19th century master Honoré Daumier, presented to our National museums by Mr. W. G. R. Allen, a Boston collector, was opened yesterday at the Bezalel Museum in Jerusalem. Containing many rare items prized by art dealers, this collection of 100 prints will be shared by the Bezalel and Haifa Museums.

Professor A. M. Dushkin of the Hebrew University, opened the exhibition. He thanked Mr. B. Barkai for his help in acquiring the collection.

IFO Seeking Conductor In Klemperer's Place

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra is now seeking a conductor to take the place of Dr. Otto Klemperer, a naturalized American citizen, who was refused a passport to undertake his planned European tour for longer than the statutory period which all foreign-born Americans are permitted to spend abroad.

The conductor was due to have appeared in London last night. Appeals have been lodged with the State Department from Britain and Israel, appealing for a review of the refusal to grant the passport.

Nahariya Tries To Beat Unemployment

NAHARIYA, Saturday.—Every bread-winner in Nahariya must provide one day's work a month for each of the next three months for the town's 320 unemployed, the Local Council has decided unanimously. The plan is expected to provide 4,500 work days at IL.3 a day.

Meetings to Protest Against Sale of Pork

The Chief Rabbinate has called for a week of nation-wide protest meetings against the sale of pork.

The Rabbinate began the campaign on Friday by circulating large posters which denounce the pig-growers as defilers of the name of Israel.

Abandoned Arab Property Now Fully Utilized, Custodian Says

Jerusalem POST Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Abandoned Arab property has now been fully utilized, Mr. Mordecai Schattner, Custodian of Abandoned Property, said yesterday at the weekly luncheon of the Commercial and Industrial Club here.

Those refugees who had returned legally to Israel had already received 2,000 property units in addition to their bank deposits. Mr. Schattner remarked, that the problem of returning the land might find its solution when the Knesset passed a bill, which had already been tabled, allowing substitution of different plots of land for those owned by Arabs who were here. Meanwhile, repatriated Arab refugees were receiving land by renting it from the Government, in accordance with the Government's policy to care for the refugees without the help of outside bodies.

To Sell Flats

Mr. Schattner revealed that 350 of the 370 settlements which had come into being since the establishment of the State were situated on abandoned property. The Custodian owned 50,000 flats and 10,000 business premises. These, he said, would be sold to their present occupants at "prevailing prices" if the Government approved this action.

A recommendation to that effect had already been passed by the Knesset Finance Committee, and no powers other than Cabinet approval were necessary to commence sales.

The 2.5m. dunams of agricultural land and the 1m. dunams of arid land, two-thirds of which had already been transferred to the Jewish National fund, would not be sold to private persons. There were only 100,000 dunams in urban areas which the Custodian would sell at the prevailing cost of land, mainly to companies.

All money accruing from these sales would go to the development authorities. This means, in fact, that it would be used for the settlement of new immigrants, Mr. Schattner said.

Apart from property, the Custodian had taken over bank deposits and property rights. Administrative steps were now being taken to effect the release of IL.1m. in sterling to absentee refugees, and payments would start in a few weeks.

Mr. Schattner said that past experience in leasing agricultural areas, notably orchards, to private persons had proved unsatisfactory, and that 50,000 dunams of trees were now in the hands of a Government company.

The Custodian last year took care of all incidental abandoned properties and had, for instance, collected 1,000 tons of "sabras," the common cactus plant fruit. It was sold for alcohol production.

The Custodian takes special care of 33,000 dunams of orange groves with marked success. In the current year 1.8m. cases of citrus are to be exported from these groves.

The Government, Mr. Schattner said, was bent on doubling the present area of citrus, and 120,000 dunams would be planted in the next few years—half by new settlements and half by the existing bodies dealing with this branch of agriculture.

The Custodian indicated that the rent he was receiving from his tenants was at the level common in the country, but did not cover the cost of maintenance of the many dilapidated houses.

Business circles here predict a great upsurge in real estate business the moment the sale of Custodian houses come into effect. It is assumed that as many of the residents of these houses lack the means of purchasing their property, such purchases would be financed by entrepreneurs.

Clothing. Food Sent C.-o.-L. Index Up

Jerusalem POST Reporter

The three-point rise to 178 points in the cost-of-living index in December reflects increased expenditures for clothing and footwear, food and taxes, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics and Economic Research.

The highest category increase, of 8.1 points, was for clothing and footwear due to higher prices for woollen dresses, and skirts, shirts, pyjamas and underwear.

Food registered a 4.8 point rise due to higher prices for sugar which rose by 56 per cent, tea (51 per cent), coffee (36 per cent), margarine (50 per cent), white flour (42 per cent), and for cakes, biscuits and macaroni. Several types of vegetables as well as tomatoes, carrots and eggplant went up in price, but cabbage, cauliflower, grapefruit and lemons fell.

Taxes were up by 3.4 points due to the increased cost-of-living allowance paid workers in December.

Furniture and household goods went up by 1.7 points and Miscellaneous by 1.1 points.

Poultry Left in Shops As Rationing Starts

On the eve of the resumption of poultry rationing, Jerusalem vendors were trying to get rid of chicken at the free price on Friday. Customers were unwilling to pay IL.4.300 a kilogram at Friday noon. Luxury prices did not deter some householders from eking out the ration with liver and pork sausage, at IL.7 a kilogram, or bacon at IL.7.500 a kilo.

Wild mushrooms were fetching IL.1 and the Champignon type IL.2.500 a kilogram. Storage apples, persimmons and avocados sold slowly at IL.1.500 to IL.2.500.

Income Tax Bureau To Take Census

A general census of all Israelis above the age of 18 who should pay income tax is to start in a few days, Finance Ministry sources said in Jerusalem on Friday.

The census follows the Ministry's extended "amnesty," which expired on January 15, for paying arrears without being fined or liable to legal action. It is understood that such legal action against evaders is to be taken when the census is finished within several weeks. The Ministry has prepared a detailed system for compiling the census data and for a rapid comparison with existing income tax registers.

Each adult is to receive a short questionnaire. He is to fill in his name, his personal and family status, his occupation and place of work, his source or sources of income and the exact amounts. It is understood that the District Income Tax Offices have obtained a list of the latest addresses from the Registration Offices.

THIEVES ROB BUFFET

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). —Foodstuffs worth IL.40 were stolen from the buffet at the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court in 35 Rehov Yehuda Halevi on Thursday night. Thieves entered the buffet by forcibly raising a shutter and breaking the window. The buffet is managed by Mr. Shalom Shahama.

HE WANTS TO BE ALONE

"Don't search for me if I disappear," a resident of the Baka'a quarter in Jerusalem wrote the police on Friday.

"Don't even pay any attention if my wife should demand that you institute a search, for—I'm running away from her." (Itim)

Schools to Reopen In Jerusalem Today

Jerusalem POST Reporter

Jerusalem's teachers who went on strike on Friday, will return to classes today. The City has agreed to begin payments of their December salaries.

A cheque for IL.120,000, the monthly payroll, was handed to the teachers' representatives on Friday. The representatives agreed to pay only IL.100,000 today which is covered by the Government's contribution. The remaining IL.20,000 is to be paid by Tuesday, by which time the City is to raise the money through bank loans.

When school children assembled on Friday morning they were told by their teachers that they were on strike because they had not been paid.

Pipes Stolen from Five West Negev Settlements

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — A total of 514 metres of piping valued at more than IL.1,000 were stolen simultaneously from five settlements in the western Negev last night by bands of marauders numbering between five and nine persons each.

In two cases tracks led to the Jordan border, while in the others tracks led towards the Gaza strip.

Art Critic and Paper Sued for Libel

POST Legal Correspondent

Mr. Th. F. Meysels, art critic, and the publishers and editors of "Hakidmah," Progressive Party newspaper, were sued for IL.5,000 in a claim filed in the Jerusalem District Court on Friday, for having allegedly defamed Mr. Y. Steinhardt, a painter, and his attorney, Dr. R. Weyl.

The article in question was published on January 9 and was entitled "Th. F. Meysels Is Angry." Written in German, it stated in essence that "one of our best-known painters recently decided to exhibit his works in America. Having been refused a foreign currency allotment by the Government, he turned to a national institution and was accredited with $900 in America against a deposit of IL.300. "After exhibiting he returned and found it possible to visit all his friends, excluding the offices of this institution. When invited up, he failed to come, and did not respond until the institution's advocate communicated with him. The painter's attorney then wrote the institution that he could not advise his client to make the requested payments, because he had been lent dollars in the value of IL.300 only and not to the extent of IL.900. I admit that I fail to understand how an attorney can cover up such unbounded impudence with legal explanations."

Charging that the article was published in malice and was false, the plaintiffs asserted that their personal prestige and professional status had been impugned. They declared that it was possible to identify Mr. Steinhardt as the painter referred to, and Dr. Weyl as the attorney. Mr. Steinhardt is suing for IL.2,000 and Dr. Weyl for IL.3,000.

'Untouchable' Sues For Equal Rights

CALCUTTA, Saturday (AP). — What is believed to be the first prosecution of its kind in Calcutta is now being conducted by the Dustmen's Association because one of its members, an 'Untouchable', was refused service in a kerbside teashop.

According to the Association, the dustman was refused even a seat on a shop bench and when he proffered money for his tea, the coin was poked away by the stall-owner with a stick.

The dustman is basing his case on the fundamental rights granted all citizens under the Indian Constitution wherein untouchability is not recognized and all citizens are granted equality of treatment.

The teashop keeper, who was arrested, has been granted bail.

Siamese Twins Born In Mississippi

PHILADELPHIA, Mississippi, Saturday, (Reuter). — Siamese twin boys, joined from the chest down to the abdomen, and facing each other, were born on Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Sims, a farm couple. Doctors performed a ceasarean operation.

The boys weighed two-and-a-half kilograms each and were premature by one month.

The doctors said Mrs. Sims, 22, and the twins, were doing well. The Sims have two other children.

Man Fatally Hurt By Car in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—A pedestrian, Gerhart Gripenhagen, 56, was knocked down by a car and fatally hurt last night, in Rehov Hahashmonaim here, near the new wholesale market. The car was driven by its owner, A. Rappoport of 20 Allenby Road, Tel Aviv. The victim died at Municipal Hospital an hour after he was hit. The driver was detained and later released in bond.

PROBER PROBED

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter).—A Senate report questioning whether Republican Senator Joseph McCarthy diverted money intended for his anti-Communist campaign to his own use has been sent to the criminal division of the Department of Justice. This was announced by Attorney General James McGranery yesterday.

The report raised numerous questions about McCarthy's financial activities connected with his campaign against Communists in the Government; and also whether William Benton, a former Senator, had violated the Corrupt Practices Act in his handling of $600 in contributions from a Salt Lake City banker.

Speedy Unloading In Haifa Port

HAIFA, Saturday. — The s.s. Atlantic Air, which brought 10,600 tons of wheat to the port a fortnight ago, finished discharging three days earlier than the 13 days stipulated in her charter and therefore paid $1,200 dispatch pay.

It is pointed out that the speedy unloading was especially remarkable as it was achieved despite the fact that the port is now working to capacity and that weather conditions were bad.

Harari Hits Clause In Coalition Pact

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Mr. I. Harari, Progressive M.K., said last night that his party might quit the coalition if the "ten per cent clause" of the major coalition parties is not withdrawn. He was speaking at this season's first Vocal Newspaper of the Journalists' Association here last night. Mr. Harari called the clause "undemocratic."

Mr. H. Ariav, General Zionist M.K., said that the coalition was based on a "true partnership." Mr. M. Hazani, Hapoel Hamizrahi, said his party had always held that it could do more good by being in the Government than out of it. He said he hoped Agudat Yisrael would also join the coalition shortly.

WAYS OF PREVENTING accidents while employed on digging pits and wells will be discussed at a meeting of workers to be held at the Histadrut Building, Tel Aviv, this afternoon. Representatives of the Ministry of Labour and of the Builders Union will take part.

Truman Reviews U.S. Aid to Israel

WASHINGTON, Saturday. — President Truman, in a letter to Congress yesterday, said it was time to stop thinking of mutual assistance programmes as emergency stop-gaps and to start long-range planning as how best to build up Western strength.

The programmes were essential to the security of the U.S. "in the cold war struggle which may be with us for a long time," he said.

"The term 'foreign aid' is obsolete, unsound and unworthy as a conceptual basis for the great venture in international partnership upon which we are engaged."

Under the heading "Economic Aid to Israel," the President said, "The special programme of economic aid for the relief and resettlement of refugees coming into Israel was carried forward in the period under review (the last six months). The aid programme was made possible by the appropriation of $72,228,000 by Congress for this purpose, two-thirds of which were spent by December 31, 1952.

"To meet Israel's most pressing needs, roughly half the funds made available were used for the purpose of basic food requirements. Substantial additional funds were expended on fodder, seeds, fertilizers and veterinary drugs; raw materials used in the manufacture of clothing and footwear, cloth and medical supplies. Construction materials and equipment for the transport and fishing industries were also supplied and it is hoped that increased emphasis can be placed on development projects rather than relief needs as the programme progresses.

"The Israel Government has suffered from a chronic and critical foreign exchange shortage and every effort has been made to time the release of funds in a manner which would also provide maximum fiscal benefits. Intensive studies of Israel's financial problems have been undertaken and the Israel Government is now taking steps to adjust its economic activities to a level commensurate with its financial capabilities."

In a fireside address over the radio on Thursday night, the President said, "Israel can be made the land of milk and honey as it was in the time of Joshua."

He said there was no limit to what could be done once American capital, skill and science and, most of all, atomic energy, "can be released from the tasks of defence and turned wholly to peaceful purposes all round the world. (Reuter, UP)

U.S. Air Force To Defend Japan

TOKYO, Saturday (AP).—A U.S. Air Force spokesman said today that the defence of the Japanese is a "mission of the highest priority."

The U.S. has ordered all steps necessary toward that end. Maj. Gen. Delmar T. Spivey, Commander of the Air Force in Japan, told Japanese newsmen that American airpower would protect these islands, "in accordance with agreement between the U.S. and Japan.

Ambassador Robert Murphy and Foreign Minister Katsui Okazaki published an exchange of notes today which gave the backing for American airpower "to take all possible measures necessary to repel all such violations." The phrase "all possible measures necessary," means the authorization to shoot down any Russian plane if its pilot balked at landing after being caught over Japanese territory.

Four Arab States To Ask Riley's Recall

The Arab States are to demand the dismissal of General Riley in a direct appeal to the Security Council if a joint proposal of Egypt, Syria, the Lebanon and Jordan now being prepared in Cairo, and directed to the U.N. Secretariat, is not successful, ANA reports. The General is accused of bias in favour of Israel.

The demand that the Arab delegations to the four Mixed Armistice Commissions declare a total boycott of General Riley, was made editorially by "Falastin," the Jordan daily, on Friday.

This was the only way to force the "pro-Jewish General" to resign, the paper declared, as he could not carry on at the head of the Truce Supervision Organization without the full co-operation of the Arabs.

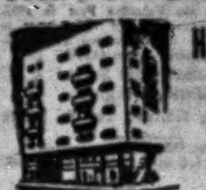
LIBYA CUTS POSTAL SERVICE TO ISRAEL

Libya has informed the Arab League that its postal and telegraphic services with Israel have been suspended as from January 15, in accordance with instructions from the Arab League's Boycott Office. Libya has declared that she is willing to open a regional boycott office in Benghazi, ANA reported yesterday.

IL.3,000 FIRE IN BNEI BRAK

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—An appliance used to provide heat for newly-hatched chicks caused a fire after midnight last night at the farm of Mr. Avraham Gross in Bnei Brak. The blaze, which spread to dry cattle fodder, caused damage estimated at IL.3,000 when 250 chicks and a quantity of eggs were burned.

In Tel Aviv last night a short circuit caused a fire at the Michsaf jewellery and silversmith shop. When flames were seen shooting out of the neon light in the shop window the Fire Brigade put it out by smashing the front window before any damage occurred.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Cables in Brief

CUTS.—Pan-American World Airways in London yesterday announced cuts up to 25 per cent in tourist fares on flights between European cities and the Middle East, effective April 1. The London-Beirut round trip, for instance, is £124 compared with the former 1st class fare of £184.

DROWNED. — Thirty-two pilgrims were drowned in the Hooghly river off Calcutta's shore when their boat smashed against a buoy. Thousands take part annually in a pilgrimage to Sagar Island at the mouth of the Hooghly.

Dr. Haskelberg, Veteran Of Sieff Institute, Dead

REHOVOT, Saturday. — The death occurred here suddenly this morning of Dr. Leon Haskelberg, at the age of 51. Dr. Haskelberg, who was one of the veterans of the Sieff Institute and a research worker in chemical synthesis, leaves a wife and two daughters.

Dr. Haskelberg had left his house to feed animals in a barn near his house when he collapsed. He had been indisposed for the past year. The funeral will leave the Sieff Institute at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Born in Warsaw in 1902, Dr. Haskelberg studied chemistry in Warsaw, and after his immigration to Palestine in 1923 continued at the Hebrew University where he studied under Dr. Moshe Weizmann. He received his doctorate at the Sorbonne in Paris in 1931.

At the Sieff Institute, and later at the Weizmann Institute of Science, he worked on a continuation of the synthesis processes discovered by Dr. Chaim Weizmann. At the beginning of World War II he undertook cancer research, working with Dr. Saul Adler. He also investigated bilharzia and other animal and insect-borne diseases. At the end of the war he turned his attention to the production of plastics from plant matter and in conjunction with French scientists, discovered a way of using castor oil beans for the production of nylon-like plastics which are today being marketed in France.

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Ada Maimon Denies Mapam Charge in Court

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM).—Miss Ada Maimon, M.K., and director of the Ayanot Agricultural Training School, denied in the District Court yesterday that she had spoken against Mapam during a discussion with a group of the pupils.

She was testifying in a libel suit brought against her and against the school by a girl dismissed from the institute. Miss Maimon said the girls had misunderstood her and had repeated this misunderstanding in a letter they wrote to the newspaper "Davar".

In this letter they had claimed she had said that the Communists should be "burned alive," whereas she has said that they should be "uprooted." (Two verbs which have the same root in Hebrew).

The incident arose during a talk she gave the girls on the U.S. loan. She said that she had mentioned that Mapam would also benefit from the loan, whereupon Tamar Lifshitz who, together with her parents is suing Miss Maimon and the school for IL.1,000 damages for having expelled her, leaped up and shouted, "So you are making political propaganda here." Another girl who was about to be expelled for other reasons then left the room and shouted outside, "I'm a Communist."

That evening, Miss Maimon said, she called Tamar Lifshitz to her room to continue explaining about the loan, but the girl remained silent. Even then she took up no definite attitude, the witness said. Only when she later saw some of the evidence now presented during the hearing (including the letter to "Davar") did she take action.

"I'm the sort of person who, when she sees a fire, immediately tries to put it out," Miss Maimon said, explaining that she immediately made arrangements to have the members of the Communist "cell" expelled from the school.

She disagreed with an earlier witness, Dr. Moshe Rudelson, principal of Ayanot, who had said he thought Miss Lifshitz a "very good girl" and had explained that he thought the girls were not responsible, but "others who had led them." The hearing will be continued on March 15.

Rain Upsets Sports Calendar

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Rain upset most of the sports calendar this weekend. Only two football matches were played. Other sports were carried on indoors, including boxing in Haifa, table-tennis, and some volleyball and basketball.

There were no surprises in either of the two football matches in which Maccabi Ramat Gan beat Hapoel Rehovot 2 to 1 and Maccabi Rehovot beat Hapoel Kfar Saba 4 to 3.

In the boxing matches held at the Maccabi Haifa hall by the Maccabi National Boxing Section three clubs took part in 10 bouts. Maccabi Haifa won five and drew one; Maccabi Tel Aviv won three and drew one, and Maccabi Nathanya won one bout. The lightweight events were won by Y. Benvisti, of Nathanya, on points in the third round over Moshe Cohen, of Tel Aviv. The match was well-fought with good tactics shown by both men.

In the heavyweight matches Adler, of Haifa, a young, strong and brave fighter, lost to Lessarov, the Tel Aviv veteran, when his seconds withdrew him in the second round.

In the table-tennis events 24 of the best players from Maccabi Hapoel, Betar and the Army met in a two-day contest which is due to end late tonight. The players were divided up into six groups playing in leagues, with the winners of each to meet in the finals. The games took place in the hall of Maccabi North Tel Aviv, for the "Yediot Aharonot" cup. Champions of the various leagues were: Zimberg (Maccabi Jerusalem); Sternherz (Hapoel Jaffa); Finkelstein (Maccabi Rehovot); Fitterbaum (Maccabi Rehovot); Rabinovitz (Betar Ramat Gan). Y. Vardi, (Maccabi Rehovot) the winner of the sixth league, fell in the middle of the matches and had to retire.

Of the basketball games due to have been held in six centres only two could be held in halls. Yagur beat Mossad Masaryk 71 to 22; Yagur beat Acre 46 to 28 and Kiryat Haim beat Mossad Masaryk 40 to 37.

REMANDED ON CHARGE OF EMBEZZLING

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). —Mr. Yehiel Aharon, former director of the Histadrut schools in Migdal Ascalon, was remanded in custody for seven days by the Tel Aviv Magistrate yesterday, on a charge of taking money under false pretences from teachers.

The accused reportedly deducted IL.2 each as rent for the Custodian of Abandoned Property from the salaries of Rahel and Rina Israel during 1951, and other sums from Avner Ben Oved. In all cases Aharon is charged with converting the money to his own use.

VALUABLES WORTH IL.6,000 were stolen form Mr. A. Gortbetai's flat in Rehov Sheinkin, Givatayim, on Thursday night, when thieves entered by breaking the window shutters.

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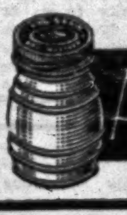
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"LET MY PEOPLE GO"

IT was comparatively easy for a regime seeking the crime for which to hang Slansky who fell out with his masters to light upon the fact that he was a Jew, and to entangle him in a fatal mesh of "Zionist" accusations; it was easy, but dangerous. Dangerous, in the first instance, for the Jews. And already the Czech Government, and Party liners elsewhere, have shouted themselves hoarse that this was not anti-semitism but merely anti-Zionism.

The Czechs are not being assisted in these efforts by the even more fantastic accusations levelled since then at Jewish doctors in Moscow. Such things as anti-semitism are not left to chance under totalitarian regimes, and no-one in their senses will doubt today that an anti-Jewish policy has been put into operation in the Iron Curtain countries. But anti-semitism need not be all of one pattern. Hitler's anti-semitism was pathological, involuntary, a degenerative, highly infectious disease of the mind and spirit. Towards the end he did not destroy Jews because he thought they harmed him, but simply because they were Jews, whom he would have destroyed as eagerly if it had been against his own interests. The USSR has spent the better part of 30 years trying to eradicate anti-semitism by every means in its possession, including, in more recent years, the forcible assimilation of the Jews, and it is not to be supposed that Stalin has suddenly been overtaken by Hitler's mania now. It is not so simple.

The Soviet authorities have decided that Israel has served its purpose as far as Russia is concerned, that it is considered as belonging to the western world and, apparently, that its continued goodwill is worthless. At the same time it has been realized that Jews everywhere, even in the carefully cloistered Soviet Union, have a profound pride and indestructible interest in Israel. By her own suddenly expressed hostility Russia is saddling herself with more than two million of what she herself obviously now considers second-class and unreliable citizens. Jews anywhere are only too reluctant to believe in official discrimination, and the history of the German Jews showed clearly enough to what pathetic lengths they went to continue as loyal citizens long after they had in fact been outlawed. No doubt Russia's Jews today, cut off from all Jewish contacts as they are, and even if few or many dream of Israel, are loyal to the state in which they have matured. It is plain, on the other hand, that the Communist regime claims to believe that the Jews are ready to plot with all comers—Zionists or the "Joint" and, always, the "Anglo-American imperialists."

The Zionist idea was born in Russia, born of the love of Zion and the distrust of the Russians, conspiracy-conscious two generations ago as they are now. In forcing its Jews to the wall, if only to woo the Arabs or to discredit its security forces or hang a rival, the Soviet Union is creating an opposition at home and abroad so formidable as surely to override even the grounds of expediency and security that have barred emigration in the past.

There is no position more illogical or potentially dangerous for a country than to create a hostile minority by frustration and persecution, and at the same time to prevent its emigration. If after 30 years of officially fostered assimilation the Russian Jews continue to be considered aliens to be accused of every form of treachery on any occasion, then let the Soviet authorities draw the only reasonable conclusion, and make it possible for its Jews to go.

Faction of Mapam To Meet Today

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—At a meeting of the Likud faction of Mapam here tomorrow, the future shape of the Party may emerge.

The Likud was in the past formed of Hashomer Hatzair and the left-wing Sneh-Riftin group. Since Hashomer Hatzair recently decided to assert its link with Zionism, Dr. Sneh's faction became a minority in Likud. It is believed that Dr. Sneh will form a separate group.

Some members of the Israel delegation to the Vienna Peace Congress and to the Peking Peace Convention reported on their missions at a public meeting here last night. No controversial issues were mentioned, and the meeting was quiet. The audience was small, probably because it rained.

ANTI-COMMUNIST FRONT THREATENED

GRAVE ISSUES IN AUSTRIA

By G.E.R. GEDYE
POST Correspondent

VIENNA. — ON the last stroke of 12 on the night of January 6th to 7th, seven commandos sallied forth from their respective headquarters in Vienna to open a fierce six weeks' campaign. With their weapons — paste pots and stacks of posters — they started a free-for-all which will end when Austria goes to the polls on February 22. The crisis behind this General Election broke out last October. But electoral propaganda was suspended until the public holiday of "Three Wise Men" — Epiphany, January 6 — had joined those of Christmas and New Year — in the past.

To deduce from this apparent example of the well-known Viennese tolerance and love of ease that such qualities will characterize the struggle would be quite wrong. The real issue at stake — whether the well-tried, anti-Communist and anti-Nazi front of the seven-year-old Catholic-Social Democratic government coalition shall survive or be overthrown — is too grave.

Long Coalition

Seven years is a long time for a coalition to last between two Parties with fundamentally differing principles, which have fought one another (20 years ago they were doing so, arms in hand, in a bloody civil war) since their inception. During it, each has become heartily sick of the other's company. But seven years is also a long time for foreign armies to refuse to evacuate a protesting country towards whom they all profess the friendly feelings of "liberators." This resented occupation is the necessity which makes uneasy bedfellows of the "Black" (clericalist) Catholic, and uncompromisingly capitalistic Volkspartei, ("People's Party"), and the rigidly anti-clericalist and partially moderate-Marxist Social-democratic Party. A protracted electoral struggle would increase the dangers of Russian intervention on behalf of their Communist puppets. But elections became constitutionally unavoidable. So grave are the risks to a country in Austria's precarious situation that when the crisis broke out, the State's President, Dr. Koerner, fled the Capital for three days in the hope that the two Parties would get together. But the differences over the Budget (months overdue, and still unpassed) were too acute.

The Volkspartei Ministers insisted on financial assistance for great private industrial undertakings, at the expense of the railways and other State undertakings, some of them nationalized by the Socialists since the war. At the head of these Ministers is Julius Raab, the right-wing Party chairman, who replaced the more democratic Volkspartei Chancellor, Dr. Figl, in this function 18 months ago. Raab is a former leader of the armed Fascist "Heimwehr" formations which overthrew the Republic in 1934. Dr. Kamitz, the right-wing Volkspartei Minister of Finance — once a member of the illegal Nazi movement — further aroused the latent anticlericalism of the Socialists, already up in arms in defence of the nationalized enterprises. (Kamitz for the first time allotted state funds to private Catholic schools). Since neither side would budge, the issue could only be decided by elections.

Catholic Fears

One thing certain about their outcome is that the Volkspartei will suffer considerably through "coalition weariness." So will the Socialists, but to so much less an extent that they may well replace the Volkspartei as the largest single Party. Chancellor Figl and Vice-Chancellor Schaerf (Socialist) have intimated that after the elections, the Catholic-Socialist coalition should re-form. Herr Raab with his strong backing of banking and heavy industrial interests at once irritated the Chancellor by revealing his desire to form a right-wing coalition with the V.D.U. — "Union of Independents" — against the Socialists. The V.D.U. is part Neo-Nazi, part Pan-German. At the last elections it rallied enough discontented Volkspartei members to secure 16 seats. It is likely to increase these to 20 or 25. To the V.D.U. (and three smaller right-wing groups) will come more Volkspartei — and even a few Socialist — anti-coalition dissidents. Herr Raab's plan would have the internationally undesirable result of isolating the great Socialist and tiny Communist Party together in opposition and lining up Nazis with the Catholics. Fears of it led many religious Volkspartei members to support Dr. Jachym, deputy of the less progressive Cardinal Innitzer, in demanding that the Party should put the needs of "Christian Socialism" before those of the industrialists.

Communist Hope

The Communists hope to dupe the electors by camouflaging themselves and their "front" formations as "Volks Opposition". This disguise will help them less than the Russian manipulations of the 80,000 Austrians they employ in their 300 "Usia" concerns, so as to concentrate Communists where their votes will be most effective. The growing unemployment in Austria may gain them a number of malcontents from the Socialists. The latter, despite their vehement anti-communism, seem to be neglecting a rousing call to their young people against the tyranny threatening today in order to evoke ghosts from tyrannies of the distant past—Habsburg absolutism, Dollfuss' "clerico-fascism" and Nazism. These tactics will change. The Socialist leaders well know that a small minority secured over the Volkspartei at the cost of doubling the present five mandates of the Communist Party would be a Pyrrhic victory indeed.

SALARIES, POLITICS AND EDUCATION FOR SERVICE

Dilemma of the Civil Servant

By GERDA LUFT

IT is generally agreed that the quality of our Civil Service will influence the character of the community in Israel. A body of officials conducting the administration with reliability, efficiency and courtesy will greatly help in making things easier for the citizen as well as for the government, in keeping down public expenditure and in fashioning a contented community. Nor will it be seriously disputed by very many that we are far from this goal today. The government official has become — sometimes deservedly and sometimes not—a target for the wit and for the malcontent. Insufficient pay for the higher grades together with high cost of administration in general have further complicated an already involved problem. The public's mood together with financial worries has driven many an official who can ill be spared to leave the service. Things have come to a head with the Treasury's inability to pay civil servants at the beginning of January. Time has come to reopen the discussion on how to build up an efficient civil service.

The problem has several aspects: there is the financial side of the question, closely connected with our economic position; there is the political side, closely connected with our party-system; there is the obvious fact, not always sufficiently appreciated that with mass-immigration the percentage of people fit for public service has gone down in proportion to the population. Some of these problems will only be solved slowly, because they presuppose better education. But none of them can be dealt with if they are not faced squarely.

Background Experience

There is first of all the undeniable fact that perhaps the majority of citizens have never lived under a democratic regime in the full sense of the term and do not understand the workings of an experienced administration. The oldest members of the community came from Russia before the Revolution and therefore lacked experience of living under a free system served by an unbiased civil service. Many of those who came from Central Europe had known a normal regime only in their early youth and lived under the oppression of a totalitarian government for many years before emigrating to Israel. The immigrants from Anglo-Saxon countries are small in number and those from North Africa and the Middle East must be taught the basic meaning of a Westernized community.

The building up of an efficient civil service in the Western sense must therefore overcome severe handicaps at the start. This did not, however, prevent us from trying to build up a most complicated system of administration. We tried our luck in putting up a welfare state which can be run only by an experienced civil service. We slid into a regime of controls which demands this sort of administrative knowhow on an even higher scale. The egalitarian trend which we took over from earlier heroic times worked in contradiction to the necessities of an administration which must necessarily be built on hierarchic principles.

The financial side of the question—the inability to keep up an administration of the present scope—mirrors our general economic plight. And we shall only be able to achieve stability in public finance when we begin to understand how much we are able to afford in the way of government services. It must be suspected that this will be much less than we are spending at present. This does not mean that a large percentage of civil servants who today draw their pay are idle: it means that we shall be unable to pay for a number of services which we are taking for granted at present. At this point the problem of the civil servants merges with our general economic policy.

It can be easily stated that once we prune the tree of the administration of those services which can be paid only by a developed economy we shall be able to improve the remaining ones. In addition we shall have to take the problem of different wage-levels more seriously. We shall pay the higher grades enough to make sure of getting the right people in leading posts. We shall probably not need much more money if we ensure the few top officials of suitable remuneration, provided, of course, that they are then allowed to organize their departments on a rational basis.

The second problem, a purely political one, is connected with party politics in the administration. It has never been stated that we are going to follow the American model in changing our administrative staff with every new cabinet. But at the higher levels this process is pretty much taken for granted. Every time there is a cabinet crisis there is disquiet and complicated manoeuvring in the ranks of the higher officials because they assume that the new Minister will bring a new staff with him. Even if this is true only in certain cases the assumption as such does a great deal of mischief, especially as it is generally assumed that the new minister will choose his close assistants from among his own party-members. It is quietly accepted too that certain departments are staffed by members of the Minister's party and that certain offices "belong" to this or that party.

The results are obvious. A candidate's suitability is not the sole factor if an aspirant applies for a job: his party affiliation is at least equally important. If we had an unlimited supply of talent to draw upon the dangers of this position could be taken lightly. As it is, this mentality makes the choice among aspirants even more limited than it would be in any case.

"Double Loyalty"?

But there is an even greater danger in this sort of thinking. It inevitably encourages the attitude that the civil servant is not in the first place a servant of the community but that he lives under a regime of double loyalty, with one eye on the government and the other on his party. This in turn makes a new minister uncertain whether his staff will give him unstinted support and disinterested advice. One of the secrets of the success of the British civil service has been the axiom that the official remains outside politics as far as his work for the state is concerned. This and this only makes it possible for a minister — notwithstanding his party-affiliation—to rely on the permanent staff for information, advice and support.

The implications of this short and sketchy analysis are obvious: first we must reorganize the civil service in such a manner as to do away with those parts of the administration which grew up during the last few years without genuine necessity. This may mean the abolition of a whole service if we cannot afford it and the curtailment of staff wherever it has grown too large. Second we shall have to try and make officials realize that the interests of the state come before party considerations. A major revolution in public thinking and a new attitude among all political parties will have to take place. There will be many who will smile at the suggestion because they do not believe that such a revolution is at all possible. Nevertheless it is unavoidable if we wish to live in a well-organized state.

NATURE NOTES

Winter Revival

A WALK to the Hill of the Sycamores, those old trees protected by law as ancient monuments, reveals that about half of the them, mourned for dead after the terrible snowfall of February 1950, have begun to burgeon again. These make an odd picture, with their dead branches rising up high out of a sturdy, rounded, bush-like base. It remains to be seen whether the new growth will form proper branches, to hide the unsightly dead parts. So far the young shoots are confined to the lower part of the tree. The remarkable thing is that these trees remained in a state of suspended animation for more than a year, having to all intents and purposes died in the Spring of two years ago — and now they have been resurrected by the "Spring of Winter."

The orange groves had to be watered in December, a rare occurrence, but by no means unique. It was even worse in 1947, when the first rains came according to programme, but the winter months remained relentlessly fine — and even worse than that in the three succeeding famine years in the early thirties, when every country walk brought you up against some fallen beast, camel or cow or sheep, rotting in a cloud of vultures.

Wild flowers were very early this year, the anemones achieving a record at least locally — I picked the first on December 8, while their normal time is from the middle of January onward.

P.A.

MUSICAL DIARY

The first opera by the British composer, Benjamin Britten, to be shown in this country, "Let's make an Opera" got a lively interpretation by the Opera Workshop of Kibbutz Hazorea at Tel Aviv's Ohel Shem Hall on Tuesday.

With its popular characters drawn from the world of nursery rhymes and its mixture of light opera and community singing this "entertainment for young people" reflects some typical aspects of English life. The libretto by Eric Crozier provides for two acts; the first consists of a play in which some children have the idea of preparing an opera as a pastime during their summer holiday. As they need a chorus, they ask the audience to participate at the rehearsal. Four hands at the piano and the man at the percussion start work and we are drawn into Britten's charming music-making. One of the cast rehearsed four songs which represent an essential part of the opera score with the audience. As some children from the kibbutz mixed with the audience Tel Avivians learned the music relatively quickly, particularly as every one had bought the notes at the entrance beforehand. Finally, the audience got permission for a short interval and then the curtain rose for the opera itself, "The Little Sweep."

The Britten Twist

The libretto tells the story of Sam, a poor little "white" boy who is bullied by a brutal sweep-master, and of his liberation by the children; it is put in simple verses (nicely translated into Hebrew by Mordecai Tel-Zur). Britten's score, including arias, quartets, ensembles and choruses are conceived with simplicity and melodiousness, although not always easily picked up — at least not by the audience's choir. There are, moreover, beautiful lyrical passages, mocking allusions and rhythmical twists hidden in all this unaffected naturalness which makes the score not only edifying but also interesting. How charming, for instance, Miss Baggott's exit à la Italian opera with the dying away of her repetitiously whispered "Come back!"; or the tenderness in Rowan's soprano aria; or the combination of lyricism and fun in the "Night Song" chorus in which the various sections of the audience had to imitate the calls of owl, heron, dove and chaffinch. No wonder that after the final practice, performed by both artists and audience everybody was happy. The inspired amateur company was led by Arnon Fishman as producer and David Freund, conducted.

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Opera Concert

Opera at the concert hall is highly fashionable in the United States; oddly enough not only experimental operas by Schoenberg, Alban Berg and Milhaud rarely performed on the stage are offered at these concerts but also perennial favourites such as Puccini's "La Boheme" and "Tosca" are presented by great orchestras with star soloists. Kol Yisrael's Tuesday Concert bringing excerpts from Verdi's "Aida" in the original Italian is therefore right in the fashion-front. George Singer is an expert opera conductor and succeeded in presenting a well-balanced production. The orchestra, new to such a concert, was well prepared and remarkably sound from the opening overture right to the end, and never drowned the singers, a fact deserving special recognition.

Mr. Singer knows exactly how to build up a dramatic climax; for the singers who must perform in oratorio style instead of acting it is a particularly difficult task: our pleasure at their excellent standard of performance was all the greater. Rose Sander's patinated soprano had dramatic fire and lyrical splendour; the wonderful arias were delivered with perfect bel-canto. Ruth Cooper has a contralto with an impressive timbre. Her creation of Amneris was interesting and she presented a fine contrast when singing duets with the soprano. Inevitably owing to the 'Celeste Aida' aria's position at the beginning of the first act before the singer can get the feel of the performance, there was a lack of purity in Ernst Garai's rendering but later on he improved and became a reliable Radames. Bezalel Shari's performance as Amonasro rounded of a satisfying quartette of performers; he was especially good in the ensembles. Kol Yisrael's concert was held on a red letter day.

Grieg Concerto

Avigdor Reis was the soloist in Grieg's Piano Concerto with the same orchestra, conducted by Hanan Schlesinger on Monday night. This extremely gifted artist exhibited a high musical standard in shaping this post-romantic music with its bitter-sweet melancholy. There were exquisite contrasts in lyrical feeling and rhythmical precision a fine performance, subtle in touch and tints.

FRANGO

Readers' Letters

DANGER OF COLLAPSE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — I was very glad to read Mr. Ben-Uri's letter in your issue of December 23, 1952 and to note that the Department of Antiquities' efforts to conserve and restore the monuments of Israel's past are meeting with the appreciation of the public.

As to the writer's remark on the restoration of the damaged lintel of the Synagogue at Meron, may I point out that the condition of that lintel has appreciably deteriorated during the decades that have passed since the Palestine Exploration Fund made a Survey of this country. Even a glance at a photograph of the façade of the ancient synagogue in question, published in Vol. I of the Survey of Western Palestine, will show that the Eastern jamb of the main portal of the synagogue is still quite upright in its original position, whereas now that jamb has been thrown out of its original position and is considerably inclined forward, so that it may fall down in the not too far future; in which case at least the whole central position of the façade may collapse. Of course, nobody can be sure whether this deterioration is due to gradual pressure of the damaged lintel, which is slowly settling down and thus pushing the jamb out of its upright position, or it might be a result of earthquakes which have occurred in this country during the first half of the current century. But whatever the cause, the deterioration is there and the danger of collapse is very real.

I am not certain, when the lintel cracked. Guérin, for instance, who visited the place in 1875, does not mention the cracked lintel, though he gives quite a detailed description of the synagogue. In any case the repair will be done in such a way as not to be noticeable to anyone observing the façade of this synagogue. And since the Department intends to restore as far as possible that façade, taking into consideration the large number of architectural fragments strown in the near neighbourhood of the place, and if possible also the portfolio which once stood in front of it, the repair of the lintel is unavoidable.

Personally, I do not see how that repair affects the monument or any legends connected with it. Any comparison with the leaning tower of Pisa is entirely out of place in this connection. The cause and effects of the leaning of that tower are entirely different. The straightening of the tower, whether technically possible or not, would change the whole aspect of the monument and rob it of much of its attraction to visitors; which is certainly not the case in Meron.

Yours etc.
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Director of Antiquities
Jerusalem, Dec. 31.

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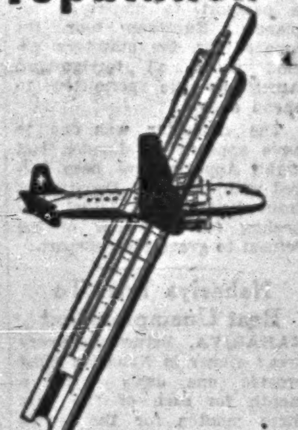

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